

## ROW WITH BOWEN

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to Roosevelt.

**CALLS A CONFERENCE TO-DAY.**

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**Displeased With His Talk of Alliance With Germany.**

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**It Is Believed That England Notified Germany That Mr. Bowen Had Concealed Cash Payment for Individual Claims—He Explains, on German Inquiry, and Offers Like Payment to the Other Allies—Mixed Commissions to Determine Amount and Disposition of**

WASHINGTON, Feb. 5.—Despite the fact that to-day's developments in the Venezuelan negotiations gave considerable promise of an early settlement of the claims of the Powers, it became known to-night that one, at least, of the representatives of the three Powers most intimately concerned in the Venezuelan controversy was very much displeased with the vigorous "shirt sleeves" diplomacy of Minister Bowen, the Venezuelan plenipotentiary.

This is Sir Michael Herbert, the British Ambassador, who today sent a telegram

to the Foreign Office of his Government to the effect that Minister Bowen, in his abrupt utterances regarding the willingness of Great Britain to continue in alliance with the two other European Powers, and in other matters, had misstated the attitude of Great Britain and caused unnecessary friction.

He also stated that he intended using his influences with the representatives of Germany and Italy toward inducing them to request President Roosevelt to arbitrate the matter of the preferential treatment of the three Powers.

Sir Michael Herbert is the leading expert in this new move to ignore Minister Bowen.

Baron Speck von Sternberg, the newly arrived Minister, has shown a disposition to be most fair and friendly toward Minister Bowen and it is believed here in well-informed circles that the British Ambassador will have considerable trouble in inducing him to join the movement to have the matter taken out of the Venezuelan plenipotentiary's hands.

But that it will be his endeavor to do as is shown by the fact that Sir Michael Herbert has requested the representatives of Italy and Germany to meet at the British

Embassy early to-morrow morning to confer regarding the situation, with the object that the three representatives present a joint request to President Roosevelt that he accept the proposition to arbitrate the matter of the preferential claims of the allies.

When told to-night of the movement to have the case taken out of his hands and placed in those of the President, Minister Bowen was considerably astonished. He had known, of course, that his utterance regarding the surprise and regret that would

showed a disposition to remain in the triple alliance a moment longer than was necessary, and that yesterday called forth the expression from Great Britain that such would not be the case, had acted as an irritant in certain quarters. But he was unaware of the movement to oust him to all practical purposes from the position of Venezuelan plenipotentiary.

As far as the extent of his rights in the matter were concerned Mr. Bowen said that it was perfectly within his province to register an official protest if the President

Mr. Bowen said that of course he would not in reality take such a step, but spoke of his rights in the matter merely to show the peculiar course adopted by Sir Michael Herbert in his effort to have the matter removed from Mr. Bowen's hands.

Mr. Bowen seemed to think, moreover, that the President, having refused to

This, then, would leave the representatives of the three Powers in a position to refer the matter to The Hague.

same position as before their effort, with the additional food for reflection that they have openly shown their hands.

Mr. Bowen has already suggested that

in his views do not meet with the approval of the three Governments there is still The Hague, although he does not care to have the matter taken there if it can be settled amicably in Washington, particularly in view of the long delay and the expenses which would most necessarily be incurred by bankrupt Venezuela. Tomorrow's developments in the situation

Baron Speck von Sternberg paid a midnight visit to Mr. Bowen's apartments to-night. It couldn't be learned just what import his visit had, but it is believed that he came to discuss the latest developments.

Mr. Bowen assured the representatives of Germany and Italy to-day that certain individual claims would be paid in cash to all three of the allies immediately upon the conclusion of an arrangement for raising the blockade.

The promise of Mr. Bowen to make these cash payments was the outcome of a suspicion that he had made a private arrange-

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